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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WYBOURNE ET AL.

Examiner

Bennett Celsa

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-3 are currently pending.

Election/Restriction

1. This application contains claims 1-3 directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

I. a "biomolecular scaffold"; which may include :

- a. Polypeptides (e.g. Class 530, various subclasses),
- b. Nucleic acids (e.g. Class.536 various subclasses A) and
- c. other possible compounds of variable structure

Such "biological molecules" within the scope of the presently claimed invention include compounds which: differ in structure; lack a common core which elicits a common activity; possess different physicochemical properties; are capable of separate manufacture and/or use; and necessitate separate and unduly burdensome manual and/or computer structure, bibliographic and classification searches.

II. A Ligand-stabilized metal cluster species: comprising

A. A specific "metal" compound species selected from the group consisting of Ag, Au, Pt Pd ; AND

B. A class of "ligand" compound species which can be selected from:

- a. Thiols
- b. Thioesters
- c. Sulfur containing heterocycles

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or any other class of ligand as described in the specification (e.g. on pages 11-12)

These individual ligand/metal cluster species are comprised of metals and ligands which are structurally different; have different physicochemical properties; are capable of separate manufacture and/or use and require different and separately burdensome manual/computer searches.

Accordingly, Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species (**e.g. a single defined compound**) **AND PROVIDE THE CHEMICAL STRUCTURE** in accordance with the above election of species above, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. For example, the election of polylysine represents a single disclosed polypeptide compound (e.g. see specification page 5, lines 14) which is illustrative of a satisfactory elected compound.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

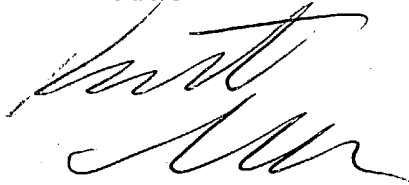
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bennett Celsa whose telephone number is 571-272-0807. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on 571-273-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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